

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-7. (Canceled)

8. (New) An A-pillar for a motor vehicle, comprising:

a hollow pillar having a curved profile between an roof end and a floor end over at least one longitudinal section therebetween, and an essentially solid circumferential surface; and

a reinforcement strut,

wherein the reinforcement strut

passes through a hollow cross section region in the curved longitudinal section of the pillar,

extends between a rear wall region of the pillar and a front wall region of the pillar, and

has an elliptical or a circular recesses in upper and lower surfaces.

9. (New) The A-pillar as claimed in claim 8, wherein the reinforcement strut has a height of at least 5 cm, as measured between mutually closest points on the upper and lower recesses.

10. (New) The A-pillar as claimed in claim 8, wherein the reinforcement strut is a cast steel component.

11. (New) The A-pillar as claimed in claim 9, wherein the reinforcement strut is a cast steel component.

12. (New) The A-pillar as claimed in claim 8, wherein the wall regions of the A-pillar are configured with variable wall thicknesses.

13. (New) The A-pillar as claimed in claim 12, wherein the reinforcement strut runs between a first wall region of increased wall thickness and a second wall region of increased wall thickness.

14. (New) The A-pillar as claimed in claim 13, wherein the pillar has an increased wall thickness in a front wall region and a rear wall region.

15. (New) The A-pillar as claimed in claim 8, wherein the pillar has only one reinforcement strut.